

SENATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT

EXHIBIT NO. 3DATE 2.9.09BILL NO. SB310

Dear committee member:

My name is Will Deschamps and am writing in support of SB 310.

I have been well educated on the pit falls of local governmental agencies removing the voters right to vote on taxation issues that affect them.

I helped my mother develop property she owned west of Missoula. When a large developer west of our subdivision went before the reviewing agencies, their density needed the extension of the sewer. We, the subdivision between the city and the new subdivision, were given the choice, for a price, to have stub outs where the new sewer pipes ran next to our lots. After the stub outs were installed we received a contract from the city, where we would forever relinquish our rights to vote against annexation into the city. I refused to sign and when told the stub outs would be removed, signed the contract and added, "signed under protest". The city then said they would force the original contractor to remove the stub outs at the contractors cost if I did not sign the form. That requirement put upon the contractor because of my stand was out of bounds and I finally signed the contract. This is how business is done in Missoula to disenfranchise voters.